

MONTANA BOARD OF REGENTS OF HIGHER EDUCATION
Policy and Procedures Manual

SUBJECT: STUDENT AFFAIRS

Policy 503.1 – Alcoholic Beverages

Effective: November 18, 1999; Issued: December 10, 1999

I. Board policy:

Each campus shall adopt policies governing the possession, consumption, sale and service of alcohol on property belonging to the university system that are consistent with the following requirements

- A. General Limitations on Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages on MUS campuses.
1. Possession and consumption of alcohol is permitted on property belonging to the Montana University System only as allowed by state and local law.
 2. Consumption of alcoholic beverages is permitted on property belonging to the Montana University System only by persons of legal drinking age:
 - (a) Within student living quarters if allowed under the specific terms of the living environment rules; and
 - (b) Within approved areas on campus property that are used or rented as approved by the President, Chancellor, Deans of the Colleges of Technology or their designees.
 3. Legal consumption by students in student living quarters shall not interfere with the rights of other residents and their guests or cause the normal operation of residence halls/student housing to be disrupted.
 4. Each campus shall establish the procedures and provide the forms necessary for approval of events held on system property where alcohol will be consumed or served. The authorization shall be by written agreement containing appropriate provisions regarding use of licensed vendor, indemnification, liquor liability insurance and other insurance/surety requirements as may be required
 5. All other service or consumption of alcoholic beverages on campus property is prohibited.
- B. Each campus shall adopt policies regarding the approval of the sale or service of alcohol on campus property by affiliated and non-affiliated groups who use campus facilities. The policies shall be consistent with the following requirements:
1. Authorization for the service or sale of alcohol on MUS property must be approved by the CEO, or his/her designee;
 2. All sales and service shall be in compliance with Montana laws;
 3. No consumption of alcohol by persons selling or serving alcohol is permitted;
 4. No service or sale of alcohol to persons who are intoxicated or disorderly is allowed;
 5. Unless using a licensed alcohol vendor, any server of alcohol at University sponsored events on and off campus must have responsible alcohol server training or TIPS training;
 6. Any person who is authorized to serve or sell alcohol who has reason to question the age of a person ordering alcohol must verify age by requesting a photo identification that proves the individual is over 21;
 7. Any sale of alcohol must be by an authorized vendor holding a valid liquor license. Sale of tickets to an event where complimentary alcohol is served will be considered a sale of alcohol;
 8. Non-alcoholic beverages and food should be made available at events where alcohol is served or sold; and
 9. Alcohol may only be served or consumed in approved locations.
- C. Alcoholic beverages may be sold and consumed at the University of Montana golf course, provided a license is secured pursuant to 16-4-109 MCA, and such sale or consumption is in compliance with the requirements of licensure.
- D. The requirements of section 2 do not apply to private parties who rent or use space in the tailgate areas. Campuses may establish rules for the use of tailgate areas.

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II. Definitions:

- A. "Alcoholic beverage" means any beverage subject to the "Montana Alcoholic Beverages Code."
- B. "Property belonging to the university system" means any property which is owned, leased or otherwise controlled by any campus of the Montana University System.

History:

Board of Regents' Minutes, September 10, 1973; Item 12-005-R0676, October 29, 1976 as amended May 3, 1985 and November 18, 1999 ([Item 104-103-R0999](#)).